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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 17 through page 8, line 9, as follows:

Figure 1 is a side sectional view of a pre-formed module suitable for insulation of a length of pipe made in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is an end view along line A-A of Figure 3 of one end of two opposed pre-formed modules for insulating a pipe section in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention;

~~modules for insulating a portion of a pipe in accordance with the present invention;~~

Figure 3 is a side sectional view of the two opposed pre-formed modules shown in Figure 2;

Figure 4 is an end view along line B-B of Figure 3 of one end of the two opposed pre-formed modules of Figures 2 and 3;

Figure 5 is a side sectional view of two opposed pre-formed modules according to the invention;

Figure 6 is a side sectional view of two further opposed modules longitudinally adjacent to the modules of Figure 5 prior to assembly;

Figure 7 is a top perspective view showing the module of Figures 1 to 4 and its circumferential and longitudinally extending joints;

Figure 8 is an end view of an outer insulation layer preform for fabrication into the module of Figures 1 to 7;

Figure 9 is an end view of one end of the preform of Figure 8 following cutting of an end contraction/expansion joint;

Figure 10 is an end view of polyimide preforms for installation into an internal contraction/expansion joint of the module shown in Figures 1 to 7;

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Figure 11 is an end view of two modules of a second embodiment of the invention prior to assembly; and

Figure 12 is an end view of two modules of a third embodiment of the invention prior to assembly.